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SUBJ: NIGER PRESIDENT DIORI VISIT TO ZAMBIA

1. PRINCIPAL THEMES NOV 18-23 DIORI STATE VISIT TO EIMBIA WERE AFRICAN UNITY, CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL AND ITS SUPPORTERS, AND SOLIDARITY WITH ZAMBIA IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. KAUNDA ACCEPTED INVITATION TO MAKE RETURN VISIT TO NIGER AT UNSPECIFIED TIME, AND RECEIVED GREAT CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER. DIORI AWARDED ZAMBIAN ORDER OF THE GRAN COMPANION OF FREEDOM, FIRST DIVISION.

2. FINAL COMMUNIQUE DECLARED SOUTH AFRICAN "EXPANSIONIST POLICY" ENDANGERED AFRICAN SECURITY, CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST ARABS AND FOR ALIGNING ITSELF WITH RACIST REGIMES, RE-AFFIRMED NIGER/ZAMBIAN COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN UNITY, CALLED FOR ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU TO UN, AND WELCOMED BIG POWER DETENTE BUT EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT DETENTE HAD NOT BEEN USED TO REDUCE REGIONAL CONFLICTS.

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3. AT STATE DINNER FOR DIORI NOVEMBER 22, PRESIDENT KAUNDA CON-

DEMNER "ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND COLLUSION BETWEEN APARTHEID AND ZIONISM". SOUTH AFRICAN "INTERVENTION" IN MID-EAST WAR DEMONSTRATED SOUTH AFRICA PREPARED DO ANYTHING TO GUARANTEE REPUGNANT RACIST POLICIES, "AN OMINOUS DEVELOPMENT IN OUR TIME." AFRICA MUST TAKE SOUTH AFRICAN THREAT SERIOUSLY. "I SAY THIS KNOWING STRENGTH OF SOUTH AFRICAN, RHODESIA AND PORTUGAL HAS ITS SOURCE IN SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES...WHOSE WEAPONS WERE USED TO FIGHT THE ARABS IN THE RECENT WAR WITH ISRAEL."

4. REGARDING ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT MID-EAST CONFLICT, EMBASSY HAS SEEN ONLY ONE OR TWO UNSUBSTANTIATED NEWS REPORTS REFERRING TO EMPLOYMENT SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS AND AIRCRAFT. PRETORIA MAY WISH COMMENT.
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